

manufacture, stocking, distribution or selling of carry bags made of virgin/recycled plastics, which are below 8x12 inches in size and 20 microns in thickness:

Polluted Cities in the country

†1097. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the most polluted cities in India in the pollution level order and their position among the polluted cities of the world;
- (b) the present level of pollution in each city;
- (c) whether Government have conducted or propose to conduct any study in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government till date to check the increasing pollution in cities during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) As per the 2005 Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI) the ranking of India is at 101 position out of 146 countries. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is executing a nation-wise programme of ambient air quality monitoring known as National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP). Based on the monitoring of ambient air quality, fifty-one (51) non-attainment cities have been identified in the country in which the prescribed Respirable Particulate Matter (RSPM) levels, specified under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), are not met. The list of cities and their pollution level is annexed in the Statement (See below)

- (c) The Central Pollution Control Board has an on-going nation-wide programme of water quality and ambient air quality monitoring.
- (d) The following steps have been taken for control of pollution in the country;
 - (i) A road map upto 2010 has been laid down by the Expert Committee on Auto Fuel Policy for controlling Vehicular pollution from both new as well as in-use vehicles all over the country;

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- (ii) Introduction of Euro-II emission norms for the whole country and Euro-III norms for 11 mega cities;
- (iii) Introduction of Euro-II and Euro-III compliant fuel for the whole country and 11 mega cities respectively. This includes reduction in Sulphur and Benzene contents in diesel and petrol;
- (iv) Introduction of cleaner fuels like Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) in a few polluted cities;
- (v) Inroduction of improved Pollution Under Control (PUC) certification system;
- (vi) Introduction of Mass Transport System in selected cities.
- (vii) for restoration of river water quality, National river conservation plan has been prepared and implemented.
- (viii) Notification of general and source specific environmental standards;
- (ix) Preparation of Environmental Management Plan for restoration of Environmental quality in critically polluted areas; and
- (x) Regular monitoring for environmental compliance.

Statement

Cities and their Pollution level

Order	City	RSPM Annual average concentration during 2005 (Res. Areas)
1	2	3
1	Gobindgarh	250
2	Ludhiana	232
3	Raiptir	192
4	Lucknow	186
5	Kanpur	178
6	Jalandhar	175
7	Alwar	160
8	Jharia	156
9	Dehradun	150

1	2	3
10	Faridabad	148
11	Agra	147
12	Ahmedabad	134
13	Vapi	134
14	Solapur	129
15	Jamnagar	129
16	Indore	126
17	Ankaleshwar	126
18	Satna	124
19	Surat	124
20	Dhanbad	121
21	Bhilai	118
22	Delhi	115
23	Howrah	113
24	Guwahati	112
25	Kolkata	110
26	Patna	109
27	Nagda	108
28	Jodhpur	107
29	Nasik	105
30	Chandrapur	105
31	Kota	104
32	Varanasi	103
33	Pune	101
34	Visakhapatnam	96
35	Rourkela	93
36	Vadodara	90

1	2	3
37	Chandigarh	89
38	Jabalpur	82
39	Jaipur	80
40	Mumbai	79
41	Udaipur	78
42	Trivendrum	77
43	Korba	75
44	Hyderabad	75
45	Rayagada	75
46	Bangalore	68
47	Nagpur	67
48	Kozhikode	67
49	Tuticorin	65
50	Angul	65
51	Gajraula	60

Note:- The data of Jharia is of industrial area and data of Agra is of Taj Mahal (Sensitive area).

Fund for development of degraded forests in Orissa by JBIC

1098. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) proposes to fund Orissa State Government projects to look after degraded forests and for effecting improvement in the livelihood sources of dependent population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State in expeditious implementation of this project?